

Approved 9/15/15
VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
APRIL 21, 2015 MEETING

RESERVOIR COMMITTEE
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Lisa Fredman, Cathy Garnett, Martine Gougault, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Ann LeRoy, Stefan Miller, David White.

Facilitator: David White

Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2015 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: May 19, June 16 Town Hall Annex, First Floor.

1. The **minutes** of the March meeting were accepted as presented.
2. **Arlington Parks Alliance:** Martine attended the recent meeting and reported that each member group is asked to submit a “punch list” of immediate needs (e.g. fixing something that is broken) by this Friday (4/24) and compile a “wish list” of future improvements to be submitted later. For the Res, the rutted parking lot surface should go on the punch list. The wish list could include some more granite blocks that can serve as benches.
3. **“Park of the Month”:** At the Arlington Park Association (APA) meeting the idea was raised of designating and publicizing each month a park with a special event. Some parks already have such events, e.g. the Spooky Walk at Menotomy Rocks or the moonlight fundraiser at the Res.
4. **Work days** will alternate between Saturdays and Sundays, generally the second weekend of the month. Lisa will propose a list of dates. The first one will be this Saturday, 4/25, and will concentrate on cleaning up the garden,
5. **Fencing** was damaged during the winter. Posts with a rail on top instead of a rope were suggested. We need to ask DPW how deep the stakes can be dug into a dam. Adding cement footings would require permission. David & Stephen will explore the options.
6. **Water chestnuts:** If we plan hand harvesting, dates would have to be publicized. A mailing list would be needed for e-mail or postcards. Other ideas: Poster at the Res kiosk; notices that can be picked up at Town Meeting (if dates settled early enough) or at an exhibit at the library (if the table is available) or at Lex Farm (if permitted).
7. **Lowell Street Woods:** Martine is working with the Lexington Con Com to get permission for what we want to do.
8. **Canoe launch site:** David has suggested to the Arlington Con Com that this could be an Eagle Scout project. But it will require approval from Park & Rec as well.
9. **Mugar parcel:** Two groups, headed by Clarissa Rowe and George Laite, have already been formed to work on opposing any development. The Town has hired a lawyer for the same purpose.
10. **Res website:** It is about 15 years old and needs updating; a volunteer would be needed.